

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REVIEWED BY *Houston* DATE *8/10/61*

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

ACTION COPY

PERMANENT RECORD COPY

33
Action

TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS
DECLASSIFIED/RELEASABLE
RELEASE DENOY
PA or FCI EXEMPTIONS

CONFIDENTIAL

Control: 94985
Rec'd: August 12, 1961
6:02 P.M.

EUR
Info

FROM: Moscow

SS
G

TO: Secretary of State

SP
SA

NO: 508, August 12, 5 P.M.

L
H

ACTION DEPARTMENT 508, INFORMATION PARIS 119, LONDON 92,
BONN 72, ROME 25, BERLIN 47

SB
SO

Khrushchev speech at Soviet-Rumanian Friendship Rally August 11 appears one more turn of screw in gradually mounting double-barrelled campaign, aimed at increasing support among Soviet people for hard line and at convincing outside world (and NATO European members in particular) USSR means business.

ARA
FENEA
IOD
P

Speech adds nothing of substance to Soviet position on Berlin and Germany, although one formulation may become one of main themes in further conduct campaign; "There now exist two German states and attempt to make them one by war is doomed to failure" (thus implying Western defense plans are in fact directed towards reunification by force). As counterpoint to strong emphasis upon Soviet resolve change existing status West Berlin, Khrushchev made more emphatic statement than has been recently heard here of Soviet readiness provide guarantees, not only to West Berlin population but also to interested Western powers of free access to city on basis "existing international practice and international law" and of non-interference in West Berlin internal affairs.

USIA
NSCINR
CIANSA
OSDARMY
NAVY

AIR

RMR

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Khrushchev's desire produce measured and controlled domestic popular reaction, while carefully avoiding war hysteria, clear in passage regarding decision of Central Committee and government on defense-plant workers "spontaneous" requests increase work-day from seven to eight hours. Decision make use of these offers only "depending on situation" (while not of course

excluding

* This copy must be returned to the originator with a reproduction from this copy is

CONFIDENTIAL

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS COPY IS

ACTION
ASSIGNED TO
NAME OF OFFICER
OFFICE SYMBOL

ACTION
TAKEN
DATE
BY

REPRODUCTION
DATE
BY

HAW
CLASSIFIED FILE

762.00/8-1261

960

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

-2- 508, August 12, 5 P.M. from Moscow

excluding secret orders actually increase working hours at selected plants. Should indicate to many Soviet citizens situation, while serious, is not yet grave.

Most significant parts speech for present tactical duration are those directed towards Italy, Greece and Germany, threatening complete destruction those and other European NATO countries if war should break out. Like conversations with McCloy, Fanfani, Argentine, Greek, and other Western Ambassadors these passages clearly reflect Soviet decision use propaganda of terrorization or order soften up European NATO members.

Speech contains two oblique attacks on Chinese Communists: Emphasis on importance not being isolated and ridicule of "Red-Army attack" approach to economic affairs. The references tend to underline other passages on necessity peaceful coexistence and thus express implicit Soviet rejection Chinese Communist theoretical approach on role of war in expanding Communism.

McSweeney

MJA-4

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

DECLASSIFIED

961